Traffic AdvisoryTroopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian-Update#1



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Seaford- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a 73 year old Seaford, DE man that occurred yesterday evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 6:06 p.m. yesterday, Saturday, January 28, 2017, as a 73 year old Seaford man was attempting to walk across the southbound lane of Concord Pond Road in the area of Orange Blossom Lane, east of Seaford. As the pedestrian, who was wearing all dark clothing and not carrying a light, entered the roadway, he stepped directly into the path of a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe, which was traveling in a southbound direction on Concord Pond Road approaching the

intersection of Orange Blossom Lane. The operator of the vehicle, William A. Jenkins, 70, of Seaford, attempted to avoid striking the pedestrian, however, he was unsuccessful. The front left bumper of the Hyundai struck the pedestrian, throwing him into the northbound lane of the roadway where he came to rest. William Jenkins was able to bring his vehicle to a controlled stop just south of the scene.

The victim was treated at the scene by Sussex County Paramedics. He was then transported by ambulance to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The victim's name is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin. Alcohol use on the part of the victim is being considered as a factor in the crash.

William Jenkins, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was not injured. Neither alcohol or drug use nor excessive speed on the part of William Jenkins is being considered as a factor in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Concord Pond Road in the area of Orange Blossom Lane was closed for approximately 3 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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